



JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION

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January 24, 2006

Re: JIC Advisory Opinion 2006-10

Dear

In a recent letter to the Judicial Investigation Commission you asked for an advisory opinion. In your letter you stated that the Boy Scouts of America have asked you to serve as the 2006 Honoree for the Mountain Dominion District Boy Scout Council's Friends of Scouting dinner.

To address the question which you have raised, the Commission has reviewed Canon 4 of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Canon 4 states in relevant part:

Canon 4. A judge shall so conduct the judge's extra-judicial activities as to minimize the risk of conflict with judicial obligations.

C. Governmental, civic, or charitable activities. (3) Civic and charitable activities - A judge may participate in civic and charitable activities that do not reflect adversely upon the judge's impartiality or interfere with performance of the judge's judicial duties. A judge may serve as an officer, director, trustee, or non-legal adviser of an educational, religious, charitable, fraternal, or civic organization not conducted for the economic or political advantage of its members subject to the following limitations:

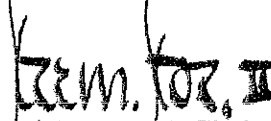
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(b) A judge shall not solicit funds for any educational, religious, charitable, fraternal, or civic organization, or use or permit the use of the prestige of office for that purpose; but a judge may be listed as an officer, director, or trustee of such an organization, so long as the listing is not used for fund-raising purposes. A judge should not be a speaker or the guest of honor at an organization's fund-raising events, but may attend such events.

Based upon the language set forth in the above quoted section of Canon 4, it is the opinion of the Commission that you could not serve as the 2006 Honoree for the Mountain Dominion District Boy Scout Council's Friends of Scouting because it is a fund-raiser; however you may attend the dinner.

It is hoped that this opinion fully addresses the question which you have raised. If there are any further questions regarding this matter do not hesitate to contact the Commission.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred L. Fox, II". The signature is stylized with a large, prominent "F" and "L".

Fred L. Fox, II, Chairperson
Judicial Investigation Commission

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